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# Privacy Act 102 Privacy Training for DLA Supervisors / Managers



### **Privacy Refresher**

From **Privacy Act 101**, you know that the Privacy Act is ...

- A statute that applies to the Executive Branch of the Federal government.
- Applies to U.S. citizens & lawfully admitted aliens
- " . . . a means to regulate the collection, use, and safeguarding of personal information."





### **Privacy Refresher (cont'd)**

In **Privacy Act 101**, you also learned that the Privacy Act:

- Covers "systems of records" A group of records that
  - Contains a personal identifier (name, SSN, badge #, etc.);
  - Contains one other element of personal data; and
  - IS retrieved by personal identifier
- Provides U.S. Citizens / Lawfully Admitted Aliens with Guaranteed Rights –
  - To access/amend their records
  - To appeal agency decisions
  - To sue for breaches



### **Privacy Refresher (cont'd)**

#### **Privacy Act 101** also taught you that:

- Agencies may not collect data without first publishing a system of records notice in the Federal Register announcing the collection.
- The system of records notice sets the rules for collecting, using, sharing, and safeguarding data.
- The DLA, DoD, and Government-Wide Privacy Act system notices are at http://privacy.defense



### Do you Supervise Employees, Military Members, or Contractors Who . . .

- Initiate data collections?
- Receive Privacy data in the course of conducting DLA business?
- Create, manage, or oversee files or databases containing personal data?
- Disseminate personal data?



### If "Yes," You Have a Duty to Ensure that

- Your staff receives Privacy Act training.
- No data collection is undertaken unless DLA has published a system of records notice covering the collection.
- Access to data is limited to those employees specifically assigned to the program – not all office employees!
- Data is transmitted in a secure manner.
- Data is safeguarded during and after duty hours.
- Your staff is complying with the Privacy Act, the DoD Privacy Program (32 CFR part 310), and the DLA Privacy Program (32 CFR part 323).
- Your staff is following DLA Information Assurance guidelines.



- Is Your Staff Privacy-Trained?
  - Ensure your staff annually takes the DoD PII Training. In the past two years, DLA has been combining the DoD PII Training with the Annual Information Assurance Awareness Training.
- Are Your Data Collections Properly Conducted?
  - Ensure your staff consults with your local DLA Privacy Officer before
    - Initiating new data collections.
    - Adding new elements to an existing, approved databas
    - Creating or revising forms that collect personal data.
    - Deploying surveys.
  - Ensure your staff includes a Privacy Act Statement on all forms, surveys, or websites that collect personal data to be maintained in a system of records.



- Do You and Your Staff Practice Limited Access Principles?
  - Grant access to only those specific employees who require the record to perform specific, assigned duties.
  - Your staff must closely question other DLA individuals who ask for your data.
    - Why do they need it?
    - How will it be used?
    - Is the purpose compatible with the original purpose of the collection?



- Are Your Workers Transmitting Personal Data Properly?
- Do not use "holey joes" or interoffice mail envelopes to route personal data. Use sealable, opaque envelopes addressed to an authorized recipient.
- When hand carrying, use DLA Form 1880, Privacy Act Cover Sheet.
- When E-mailing personal data
  - Use Common Access Card protocols to ensure confidentiality.
  - Verify that **each** addressee is an authorized data recipient.



- Is Your Staff Safeguarding Personal Data?
  - Mark records "For Official Use Only" when created.
  - For electronic records, include "For Official Use Only" on data screens and in headers/footers of printouts.
  - Place records in file cabinets, overhead bins, or desk drawers for overnight storage.
  - Cover paper records when a third party enters the workspace.
  - Use filter screens on terminals to blacken angular views.



- Is Your Staff Following DLA Information Assurance Guidelines?
  - Lock terminals when leaving the work area for brief periods.
  - Ensure access controls are in place to limit access to files/folders that contain personally identifiable information to those with a "need to know."
  - Immediately report to you, your local Privacy Officer, and the Network Operations and Security Center (NOSC) instances of personal data posted to public or shared websites, eWorkplace or Outlook, and shared calendars or shared drives. The NOSC telephone number is 1-877-352-6366.



### **Keeping Privacy at Top of Mind**

- Use Staff Meetings to Stress Good Privacy Practices.
  - Voice your commitment to protecting individual privacy.
  - Applaud workers who practice good privacy principles!
  - Remind staff to use caution when posting data to shared drives, eWorkplace, or multi-access calendars.
    - Post no personal data.
    - Periodically review shared devices for compliance.
- Question Workers Who Leave Personal Data in the Open.



### **Keeping Privacy at Top of Mind (cont'd)**

- Question Employees Who Fail to Lock Terminals When Leaving the Work Area.
- Scrutinize Proposed New Data Collections and Surveys.
  - Ask project managers to consult with their local Privacy Officer.
- Contracting out a Function?
  - Include the Federal Acquisition Regulation Privacy clauses in the contract (FAR 52-224-1 & 52.224-2).
  - Include language in the contract addressing how the data is to be disposed of at contract end.
  - Contact your local Privacy Officer for more requirer



### **Supervising Privacy Act System Managers**

- A "System Manager" is an individual assigned to oversee, manage, direct, and control a Privacy Act system of records. System managers require specialized Privacy Act training.
- System Manager Duties:
  - Comply with 32 CFR part 310 and part 323.
  - Follow Rules in the published System of Records Notice.
  - Respond to First-Party Access and Amendment Requests.
  - Determine if Third-Party Disclosures are Authorized.
  - Maintain an Accounting of all Third-Party Disclosures.
  - And More!
- System Managers may not institute changes to a system without first consulting with their local Privacy Officer.
- Encourage your System Managers to work closely with their local Privacy Officer in executing their duties.



### **Discussing Privacy Matters**

 When discussing a person's health, financial affairs, personnel actions, criminal history, family affairs, or other personal aspect of his or her life, it is important to remember that details should not be brought up in staff meetings or discussed in common areas.

Personal matters should never be discussed with anyone

without a strict need to know.



#### **Examples of Personal Data?**

#### **PERSONAL DATA**

- Electronic & physical home address and phone number
- Type of leave used (not admin or holiday)
- Performance rating
- · Health, financial, & medical data
- Misconduct information
- On the job injury data
- Gov't-paid, personal development training, e.g. -
  - "Rid Yourself of Debt"
  - "Coping with your Unruly Child"
  - "Beating your Drug Habit"

#### **NON-PERSONAL DATA**

- Position description & duties
- Job title, series, and grade
- Duty address (but not overseas)
- Duty schedule (days & hours)
- The fact that an employee is on leave, teleworking, at an official function, not present for duty, or on a CDO.
- Gov't paid, work-related training, e.g. -
  - "Providing Good Customer Service"
  - "Become a Great Public Speaker"
  - "Principles of Grammar"



#### **Alert Recall Rosters**

- Employees are required to give supervisors their home telephone numbers, but they do not have to agree to share them with co-workers.
- If an employee objects to having his/her telephone number placed on a recall roster:
  - List "Unlisted" or "Unpublished" instead of home number.
  - Arrange to call the employee yourself during alerts or exercises.
- Remember to mark the recall roster "For Official Use Only Privacy Sensitive."
- Instruct your staff that the roster is to be used for official purposes only and kept in a secure localion.



### When Data Maintained By DLA or DLA Contractors Is Lost, Stolen, Or Compromised . . .

- Notify the Network Operations and Security Center (NOSC) immediately at 1-877-352-6366. DLA may have to notify affected individual(s) within 10 days.
- Coordinate notification with the DLA HQ Privacy Office.
- Covered Individuals:
  - Military members and retirees.
  - Civilian employees (appropriated or non-appropriated).
  - Family members of a covered individual.
  - Other individuals affiliated with DoD (e.g., volunteers).
- As a minimum, advise individual of:
  - Data elements involved.
  - Circumstances surrounding the incident.
  - What protective actions the individual can take.



### Lost, Stolen, or Compromised Data (cont'd)

- Multiple or Unidentifiable Individuals Involved?
  - Provide generalized notice to the potentially affected population.
- Can't Notify the Individual Within 10 Days?
  - Notify the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Defense Privacy Office immediately.

 Include reason for delay (e.g., notification delayed at request of law enforcement authorities)



### **Privacy Criminal Penalties**

- What Privacy Violations May Lead to Criminal Penalties?
  - Collecting data w/o meeting the *Federal Register* publication requirement.
  - Sharing data with unauthorized individuals.
  - Acting under false pretenses.
  - Facilitating those acting under false pretenses.
- Penalties:
  - Misdemeanor Charge (jail time of up to one year).
  - Fines of up to \$5,000 (for each offense).



### **Privacy Civil Penalties**

- What Privacy Violations May Lead to Civil Penalties?
  - Unlawfully refusing to amend a record or grant access.
  - Failure to maintain accurate, relevant, timely, and complete data.
  - Failure to comply with any Privacy Act provision or agency rule that results in any adverse effect.
- Penalties:
  - Actual Damages
  - Attorney Fees
  - Removal from Employment





## SIDEBAR: Supervisor's Notes Are they personal or agency records?

Supervisor's notes are sometimes requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). "Personal" records of employees are excluded from FOIA coverage. Below are some questions that are examined when determining whether supervisor's notes would be considered an "agency" record or a "personal" record:

- Were they created on government time?
- Were they shared with other employees/official
- Were they filed with official agency records?
- Were they used in the decisionmaking process?
- Were they required to be created by rule, policy, or custom?



### Sidebar: Supervisor's Notes Were notes created on Government time?

- "Agency records" are generally those documents that are created or received in the course of conducting agency business. Despite that definition, not all files created on Government time are automatically regarded as "agency" records.
- The reverse is also true. Records you create on your personal time may rise to "agency" records - depending on how they are used and filed within DLA.
- So the use of government time is not always 100% determinative. Thus, the timing of creation must be examined in conjunction with the others factors.



### Sidebar: Supervisor's Notes Were the notes shared with other employees?

 Once you share your notes with Human Resources, Counsel, or other third parties, they generally lose their "personal" status.

 Keeping your notes close-hold until the time is ripe to share them protects employee privacy and allows you to decisions unencumbered by special interest con



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- Once notes are filed with official agency records, they lose their "personal record" status.
- Filing them separately, such as in a locked desk drawer or your briefcase, helps protect their "personal" status.





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- Generally, once supervisors use their notes in deciding employee appraisals, taking disciplinary actions, rewarding exceptional workers, or similar uses, the notes become "agency" records.
- In adverse action situations, the notes may be required to be disclosed to the employee as part of the disciplinary process.



# Sidebar: Supervisor's Notes Were they required to be created by rule, policy, or custom?

 In some cases, the taking of notes is required to be accomplished by rule, policy, or custom. In those cases, the notes would be deemed to be "agency" records.

#### Examples:

- Notes taken by a recording secretary during a meeting.
- Notes taken by an individual assigned to route incoming emergency telephone calls.
- Notes taken by an individual assigned to receive Defense "Hotline" telephone calls.

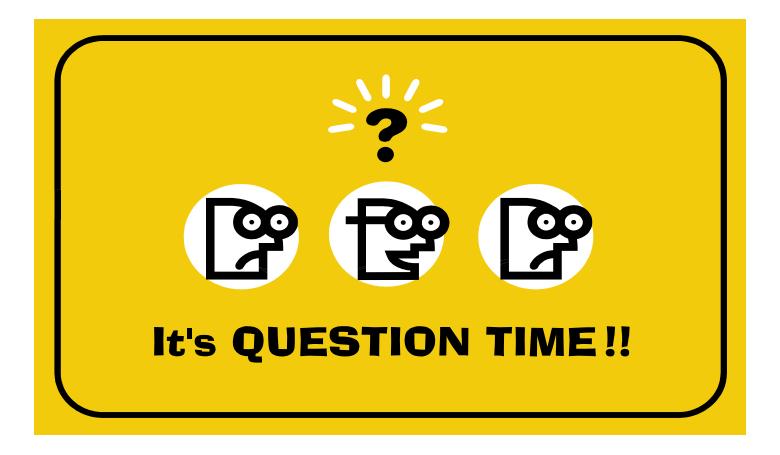


### **Conclusions**

You and your staff are entrusted with the personal information of others. You are the first line of defense in safeguarding privacy and protecting DLA from damaging lawsuits.









### 9 Questions to Test your Knowledge! (Answers appear on the slide immediately following)

### Q1: Which of the following is not a goal of the Privacy Act?

- a. Keeping personal information out of the hands of government.
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See Slides 2, 3, and 4 for more information



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- a. The upcoming week's work schedule.
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"d" for two reasons: (1) Prematurely discussing details in your notes could cause them to lose their "personal record" status, and (2) Any discussion with staff should not occur until after the action is approved. Even then, details should be limited to those core facts the staff needs to know.

See Slides 15, 26 - 28.



# Q6: The penalties for violating the Privacy Act include which of the following?

- a. Jail time of up to one year.
- b. Fines of up to \$5,000.
- c. Removal from employment.
- d. All of the above



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- a. Jail time of up to one year.
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### d. All of the above

See Slides 20 and 21 for more information.



## Q7: Which of the following statements are true?

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No individual has authority to waive Privacy Act compliance.

See Slides 6, 7, and 30 for more information.



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TRUE or FALSE?



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TRUE or **FALSE**?

While the IT staff establishes technical protocols to protect data, supervisors have a duty to ensure that staff members are following those protocols and that breaches are reported.

See Slides 6, 9 and 11-13 for more information.



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The use of sick, annual, family, religious, LWOP or AWOL should never be entered on shared calendars.

See Slides 12 and 16 for more information.



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